be Rs. 72.00+taxes which the cable operator may demand from the subscriber for receiving the programmes transmitted in the free to air channels, included in the basic service tier. This notification has been made specifically for the areas in which the Conditional Access System is proposed to be introduced. It has also been notified that the basic service tier shall include not less than 30 free to air channels of different genres of entertainment, news, sports, children programmes and music. Free to air channels, over and above those included in the basic service tier, would also be made available to the subscribers within the notified maximum amount. Some MSOs have indicated that they would be able to provide between 56 to 73 free to air channels in their areas.

Trade agreement with China

*5. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trade agreement between India and China signed during the Prime Minister's recent visit to China;

(b) the level of trade between the two countries specifying the quantities and values of the commodities exported to and imported from China before the signing of the agreement; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to achieve the targets now set in the new agreement?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) During Prime Minister's visit to China during June 22-27, 2003, the following Agreements relating to Trade were signed:

(i) A Memorandum on Expanding Border Trade.

(ii) A Protocol of Phytosanitary Requirements for Exporting Mangoes from India to China.

(iii) A Declaration on Principles for Relations and Comprehensive

Cooperation including *inter-alia* the following elements pertaining to trade:

- The importance of the Ministerial meeting of the Joint Economic Group (JEG)
- Setting up of a compact Joint Study Group (JSG) composed of officials and economists to examine the potential of complementarities between the two countries in expanding trade and economic cooperation.

(b) The level of trade between the two countries during the last two years has been as under:

(*US$ MILLION*)

	2001-02	2002-03(P)
Export	951.95	1961.11
%age growth	+14.87	+106.01
Import	2036.39	2782.50
%age growth	+36.44	+36.64
Trade Volume	2988.34	4743.61
%age growth	+28.74	+58.73
Trade balance	-1084.44	-821.39

(Source DGCI&S)
(P) - Provisional

Major items of exports and imports are annexed as Statement (*See* below)

(c) Steps being taken, on an ongoing basis, for increasing India China trade include participation in trade fairs/exhibitions, exchange of delegations at both governmental and business levels etc. While no target has been set in the new agreements, it is expected that bilateral trade will expand rapidly.

Statement

Commodity-wise details of Export and Import

(A) Major items of Export to People's Republic of China

(US$ MILLION)

S.No.	Commodities	2002-2003 (P)	% share in India's exports to China
1.	Primary & finished iron & steel	486.04	25
2.	Iron Ore	400.22	20
3.	Plastic & Linoleum products	165.25	8
4.	Other Ores and Minerals	123.77	6
5.	Marine Products	104.99	5
6.	Inorganic/organic/agro chemicals	87.32	4
7.	Processed Minerals	81.79	4
8.	Drugs pharmaceuticals & fine chemicals	82.13	4

(B) Major items of Import from People's Republic of China

(US$ MILLION)

S.No.	Commodities	2002-2003 (P)	% share in India's import from China
1.	Electronic Goods	774.11	28
2.	Organic Chemicals	304.62	11
3.	Coal, Coke & Briquettes etc.	167.87	6
4.	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical products	144.27	5
5.	Silver	120.89	4
6.	Silk, Raw	104.07	4
7.	Machinery except elect. & electronic	101.54	4

(Source: DGCIS)

(P): Provisional